

**CLARK COUNTY
CLEAN WATER COMMISSION
Revised Meeting Notes**

Wednesday, June 2, 2004

6:30 – 9:00 PM

Public Works Maintenance and Operation Center
4700 NE 78th Street

Clark County Clean Water Commission Members Present

Robbie Agard, Anne Jackson, Bill Owen, Don Steinke, Virginia VanBremen

Clark County Public Works Staff

Kelli Frost, Earl Rowell

Public

Dave Howard Department of Ecology – Vancouver Office

Call to Order

Introduction

The members of the Clark County Clean Water Commission, the public, and Clark County staff were introduced. The meeting was then called to order.

Agenda and material review

The material for the meeting includes:

1. 6/2/04 Agenda
2. 5/5/04 Meeting Notes
3. Water Related Events June – August
4. Calendar of Water related events June – August
 - Clean Water Commission 2003 Annual Report to the BOCC
 - Capital Improvement Activities
 - Clean Water Program Improvements update
 - Stream Health Report

05/05/04 meeting notes

The 05/05/04 Clean Water Commission meeting notes were approved as submitted.

Communications with the public

Mr. Steinke talked about his experience at the Rosemere Neighborhood Association Community Event that focused on water quality. There were nine agencies present and the event was videotaped and shown on CVTV.

The Yakima-Herald interviewed Mr. Rowell in regards to the Clean Water Program that Yakima County is establishing. They were interested in other jurisdictions Clean Water Program.

The BOCC are continuing to review applicants for the vacant position on the Clean Water Commission.

June 9, 2004 is the anticipated mailing date for the 2004 Clean Water Fee bills.

Mr. Owen asked Mr. Howard about a news release in regards to TMDL's (Total Maximum Daily Loads) for the East Fork.

Mr. Howard replied that in January, 2004 a Scoping Process for developing TMDL's for a variety of waters in the Vancouver area was established. Salmon Creek, Burnt Bridge Creek, East Fork, Cougar Lake, Lake River and

Lacamas are on this list. Five projects were proposed and Ecology is under a court order to finish the process by 2013. Last week Ecology announced that they would be doing a two-year study in the East Fork to look for temperature and fecal coliform problems. There is a public comment period until June 24, 2004 to discuss whether this program or others should be at the top of the list. Once the comment period has ended the department will make a decision on which program to start. In July we will begin discussing what needs to occur and how to gather the necessary data. In a couple of years there will be a technical document written and in three to four years there will be a TMDL document written by Ecology for public review and comment.

Mr. Owen: At the end of the next two years is the technical report supposed to be the product?

Mr. Howard: Yes

Ms. Jackson asked if the report included data gathering.

Mr. Howard replied that the technical report would be based on the two years of data gathering. That will include data supplied by the County and other organization.

Mr. Owen: In your past experience from other TMDL's that Ecology has written, will loads be allocated to point sources that are permitted along the East Fork?

Mr. Howard added that La Center has a sewage treatment plant.

Mr. Owen: Will the County then hold a sizable load that they will be responsible for?

Mr. Howard replied that it would be a non-point situation. Point sources are generally sewage treatment plants or large independent facilities that have their own permits.

Mr. Agard added that on the East Fork there are no point sources, but there are a lot of non-point sources.

Mr. Steinke asked if temperature was considered a TMDL.

Mr. Howard replied that temperature and fecal are considered TMDL's and would be considered in the report. There will be plenty of meetings held before Ecology arrives at any decisions about what needs to be done.

Mr. Howard announced that on July 7, 2004 Ecology will hold a workshop at the Vancouver office, 2108 Grand Boulevard, Vancouver from 9:00 – Noon, to talk about how grant projects work and how to build a successful grant project.

Mr. Agard inquired as to when the next Clean Water Commission meeting would be held?

Mr. Rowell replied that it would be held on July 7th.

Mr. Agard requested that all Clean Water Commissioners be called on Monday, July 5th to remind them of the July 7th Department of Ecology meeting. (Note: Because Clark County offices will be closed on Monday, July 5th, due to the holiday, Clean Water Commissioners will be called on Tuesday, July 6th.)

Mr. Owen asked if Clark County staff would be involved in the Ecology Meeting.

Mr. Rowell replied that Public Work Water Resources staff *would be* involved.

Ms. Jackson asked if there were any more information regarding the rain-harvesting ordinance?

Mr. Rowell stated that the State Legislature has determined if a commercial/industrial operation can collect rainfall that falls on their roof, driveway etc. and uses the water to irrigate their property they would be entitled to a ten percent reduction of their clean water fee. The Washington building code has put together a set of general

guidelines which jurisdictions can utilize and/or modify according to their needs. We are in the process of putting together procedures that is consistent and uniform.

Mr. Owen asked if Community Development has given any additional feedback on their comments from a year ago. (See Motion 2003-0507-02)

Mr. Rowell replied that he received comments asking for more details, which were provided (see the Motion above). I anticipate meeting with Community Development staff and discussing this issue in more detail.

Capital Improvement Update

Mr. Rowell went through the various Capital Improvement Projects with the Clean Water Commission.

Mr. Owen asked how often the Capital Improvement reports were updated.

Mr. Rowell explained that the reports come out on a monthly basis and will be sent to the Clean Water Commissioner via e-mail or at the monthly Clean Water Commission meetings.

Mr. Agard stated that he would like to made aware of any changes or road blocks that staff encounter in regards to these projects.

Mr. Agard wanted the Clean Water Commissioners to know that the North Gabbert Capital program is a wetlands replacement project for the county roads department and that we are helping to build them. He questions whether we should be paying for all the planning. County roads should be paying and maintaining their share.

Mr. Rowell replied that we met with the county road staff to make sure that each paid for their portion respectively.

2005-2006 Budget

Mr. Rowell informed the Clean Water Commissioners that the budget for 2003-2004 is probably the same budget we will have for 2005-2006. He does not see any substantial changes for the next budget cycle. The 2003-2004 budget consists of capital at approximately 33%, monitoring at around 13%, education is about 11%, enforcement is 11%, operations 16%, administration 7%, and additional actions (paying off the loan to the General Fund) at about 9%) of the total budget.

Mr. Agard asked how many new customers were added into the Clean Water billing program.

Mr. Rowell replied that approximately 2000 have been added.

Mr. Owen asked if the Education portion of the budget would be adjusted in 2004 – 2005 to reflect the half time employee (Don Strick).

Mr. Rowell replied that it would.

Mr. Agard suggested that the Clean Water Commissioners review the budget material and provide any questions or comments to the July 7th meeting.

Mr. Rowell stated that there would not be much time to make any changes after the July 7th meeting because the budget is due by July 9th.

Annual Report

Mr. Rowell presented the Clean Water Commissioners with a final copy of the 2003 Annual Report that will be submitted at the BOCC luncheon on June 28th.

Mr. Rowell passed around a copy of the Stream Health Report that will be presented at the luncheon on June 28th. This report provides an overview of the monitoring program.

Mr. Owen asked if this report would be available on the web site.

Mr. Rowell replied that once the report is approved by the BOCC, it would be on the web site for public viewing.

Mr. Owen stated that he was trying to think of how to begin the idea of low impact development concepts. One item that would be needed is a fact sheet/cheat sheet that explains what code or stormwater requirements developers need to follow when developing a new site. So we can start targeting where it would be appropriate to modify or enhance a new set of codes that supplements what is already there.

Mr. Rowell added that depending on what kind of requirement come from Ecology in regards to the NPDES permit that might also trigger modifications to existing codes.

Adjourn

The Clean Water Commission meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

July 7th Clean Water Commission Meeting

The next meeting will be held at Hockinson High* School Commons, 16819 NE 159th Street, Brush Prairie on Wednesday, July 7 2004 from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.

(Meeting location changed from original scheduled location)

*Respectively Submitted,
Kelli Frost*

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